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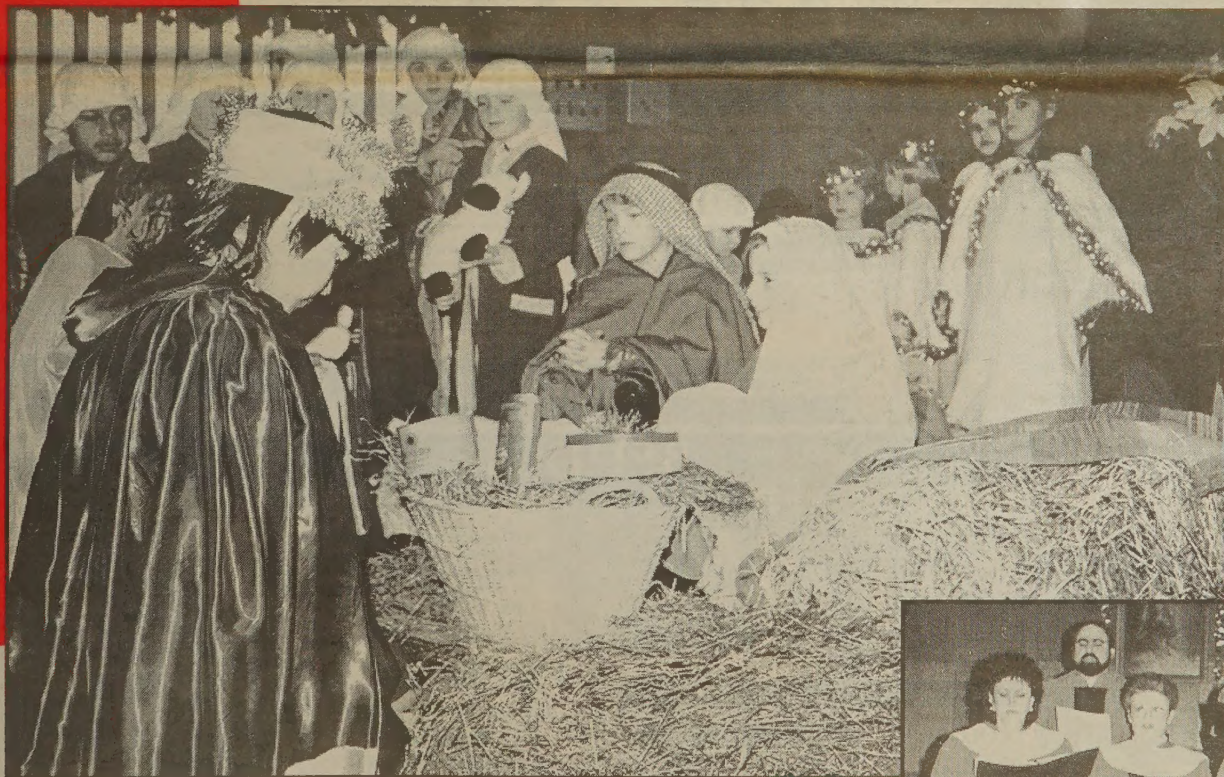
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*"Glad
tidings
of great
joy..."*



*"There is born to you this day in
the city of David a Savior, who
is Christ the Lord."*

-- Luke 2:11



Final touches for First Night Festival

With less than two weeks to go, the final touches are now being put on plans for Elk Point's second annual First Night Festival, Sunday, December 31.

Four venues will host an afternoon and evening of family entertainment, starting at 2 p.m. and winding up with a fireworks finale at 7 p.m.

The A. G. Ross Arena and its grounds will be the site for Wagon Rides for all ages and Dog Sled Rides for ages 10 and under from 2 to 4 p.m. Kids are invited to try finding their way through a straw bale maze throughout the afternoon, the arena concession booth will be open, and a variety of antique items will be on display from 2 to 7 p.m. The arena will be open for free family skating from 4 to 6:45 p.m. and entertainment is scheduled in the lobby area from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Also at 6:45 p.m. there will be a draw for a quilt donated by the Red Cross. The fireworks will

be set off north of the arena at 7 p.m.

Elk Point Curling Club will host family curling challenges and free curling from 3 to 5 p.m.

Elk Point Health Centre and Parkview Extended Care residents and auxiliary will welcome visitors and offer refreshments from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

The Seniors' Recreation

Centre is the fourth venue, and plans to host a quilt display from 2 to 6 p.m., as well as a karate workshop, the Fishing Lake Dancers, Ukrainian Dancers and Frog Lake Dancers during the first half of that time period, and family floor curling from 4 to 6 p.m.

Plan now to attend, and watch next week's paper for the final agenda.

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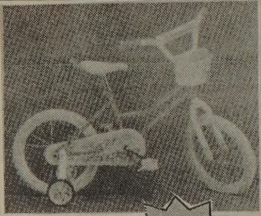
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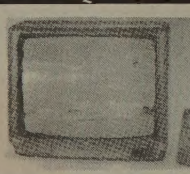
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FCSS News

Home and happy for the holidays

Many people will take to the roads this Christmas, hoping that all will be just hunky-dory for their family gatherings. For many it will. But according to some psychologists, this is also the beginning of the anxiety season.

If the relationship we have with our family is basically sound, then we're probably looking forward to the visit and to having fun. Stress comes when there's a high level of unresolved conflict and the fear that conflict may be ignited again.

Conflict occurs over issues such as power and control, values and attitudes, respect, gratitude, lifestyles and money. It affects everyone, from college students to married couples and senior citizens.

Although there is no such thing as the perfect visit with relatives, there are ways to defuse family tensions and increase the chances of having a pleasant visit. (10 Commandments for Going Home). Like most good things, having a good visit involves planning and a willingness to change wornout patterns that continue to get us into trouble.

10 Commandments for Going Home

1. Talk out your expectations for the visit in advance so there are no surprises.

2. Abide by the rules of the house.

3. Plan your visit for optimal

(not maximum) amount of time.

4. Plan time alone when visiting; take walks; go to another room and read.

5. Understand that disagreements can be discussed and not swept under the rug.

6. Accept your differences. The relationship is more important than winning on a particular point. Keep a sense of humor; laugh at small stuff.

8. Have mutual respect across generational lines for different values and needs.

9. Be a considerate guest; don't tie up the phone or hog the TV.

10. Have realistic expectations. Don't expect a magical holiday.

Source: Psychology Today.
AN INVITATION TO ALL CANADIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CREATION OF A NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL'S AWARD

Our country is full of people worth celebrating. They'll never be famous and their stories may not make headline news. They're your neighbors — people who care about others, citizens who give to the community more than they take. These caregivers are found all over Canada and set an example for others to follow. Their contributions, as informal or formal volunteers, make life brighter for all of us. Like every volunteer, they care

enough to work without reward and without recognition.

The Governor General wants to know about the thousands of compassionate people in Canada who devote so much of their time and effort to so many causes or to other people — and to thank them through a newly established national award.

The award needs a name and a visual symbol or logo which can be used on certificates and on the award itself. You are invited to submit proposals for either a name or a design for a symbol. You may also wish to send the names and stories of people who might qualify for recognition under this award.

Suggestions for the name and the symbol of the new award should be mailed to the Governor General and postmarked no later than January 19, 1996. Entry forms and additional information are available at the FCSS Office (724-3800).

NEW DIRECTION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN ALBERTA

The new direction for Children's Services in Alberta provides an opportunity for community people to work together and improve on the good children's services in Alberta. Community people include parents, children, service providers and all interested people.

It also provides an opportunity for families to take responsibility for determining how their children should be cared for, and

what type of supports should be put in place to help families in need.

This involves all children and all families, not just those in Child Welfare, Mental Health, or Young Offenders.

To build this new direction, Albertans told the Commissioner of Services for Children that changes need to be made in 4 areas:

1. Community people, not government, must plan, develop and deliver services for children. Communities know the problems faced by their families and also where the strengths are in their communities to help with these problems.

2. Families needing help must get this help while they still have the ability to heal.

3. Children's Services in the community must be pulled together to work together and not scattered around a number of service providers.

4. Aboriginal people must be involved in deciding what help

is needed by their families and children.

What is going to be different?

- Government will not be delivering children's services; this will be done by a Regional Authority made up of community people.

- Families and community people will help support each other to make sure children are safe and healthy.

- Government will be responsible for legislation, funding, standards, monitoring and evaluation.

- Families and communities will decide what children's services they need for their children.

- More focus on healthy communities made up of healthy families.

- Service providers will work together to help families and children in need.

- More attention will be given to reach out and help families and children before a crisis occurs.



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Light up this Christmas, and stay alive

More than your Christmas tree and the exterior of your home needs to be adorned with lights this Christmas. The lights which could mean much more, and which could mean the difference between life and death for your family, are right there on your vehicle.

The multiple snow storms and nonstop blowing snow of recent weeks have made the roads in this area and across much of the province hazardous and nerve-racking to drive on. This hazard is increased substantially when meeting other vehicles, especially large trucks and snowplow vehicles.

One way to make your vehicle more visible under these conditions is to get in the habit of turning on your headlights in the daytime as well as at night. Studies have proved that vehicles with their headlights on are much more visible, even under good road conditions than unlit vehicles. With less favorable conditions, this is even more important to your safety.

While vehicles manufactured in recent years are equipped with running lights which are on whenever the vehicle is in gear, most older vehicles do not have this safety feature. It must be noted that even with the running lights, the tail lights are not on, so it only improves your visibility to oncoming traffic, not to vehicles following you.

The festive season is a time of increased traffic on the highways, and you may be among those who are heading out to visit family and friends. Make sure to increase your chance of arriving alive, by turning on your headlights when you start out on your journey.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Season's Greetings

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Holiday Fiction

A miracle for Marilyn

By Irene Magnusson

It was Thursday afternoon. Snow fell softly outside the brightly lighted window, the rush of customers of early day falling off, to a few purchasers dashing in for a few forgotten items. All their long lists had been filled early, in this last week before the Big Day.

It was also Christmas Eve. "At last. At long last", Marilyn thought as she straightened depleted rows of boxes and packages on the shelf near the check-out, waiting for a shopper to find just the right head of lettuce from the bin.

"What a rush people get into. All over Christmas. Just another day, twenty-four hours long, like any other day. Sunrise, sunset - a long dark night. No big deal... perhaps a little better for some..." She waited on the customer, then returned to her thoughts. "Say if you had a family. Or someone coming. Some relative, or friends, some reason to cook and polish and light the lights... someone who cared..."

The last hour dragged on, the last shopper trickled out, other staff members called quick "Merry Christmas!!" messages as they closed the tills, donned coats, clicked off lights.

Marilyn stepped outside, where December dark was pushed back by rows of glittering lights, blinking red and green, and the tall tree on the corner lot sparkling cold as blue ice behind its veil of slow-dropping snowflakes.

The girl picked her way along the snow heavy sidewalks, turned in to the much dimmer side street, where the snow was less packed, and up



her unmarked walk. She put her bag inside, then took the snow scoop and cleared the walk and steps.

"Not that it matters", her mind was grumbling. "No one will walk on it". But it did look more inviting, and with the little artificial tree she'd set in the window a few days ago plugged in, the scene was

almost Christmassy.

The evening dragged slowly for Marilyn, as she made herself a snack and settled down to read. She still had no TV, and the small radio poured carols into the sparsely furnished sitting room.

Soft and sweet, the voices rose and fell, the old songs, the great songs, the hope songs mingling with Marilyn's wandering thoughts. Her eyes strayed from the page.

"Mom's favorite", she half-whispered, as a clear contralto offered "O Holy Night", and a few tears oozed out as she saw again her Mother at the little organ, herself, Bill and Faye and little Petey gathered around, the tinsel-trimmed tree beyond, and they all trying to follow Mom's sweet true voice in "O Holy Night".

Marilyn tried not to let herself think of the day she left home, the long bus ride, the scary "all alone" feeling of a strange town, a new job, finding a place to live. She KNEW she was lucky to get a job, and a livable little old house, furnished still with the little old lady's little old things, just as she'd left it, when an ambulance moved her to the nursing home.

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Nutrition Notes

Food safety — handle with care

By Shelley Miller-Hertes
Registered Dietician

Elk Point Health Care

Food poisoning happens when food comes in contact with bacteria. This bacteria grows best in warm, moist food such as eggs, dairy products, meat, poultry, fish and shellfish. Symptoms range from an upset stomach to death. Fortunately you can prevent food poisoning by storing, handling and cooking foods carefully.

The Danger Zone (4° to 60°). Bacteria can't grow when food is stored below 4°C and they are destroyed at temperatures above 60°. Here are some tips for safety:

* Keep cold food cold (in a refrigerator) right up to the time of serving.

* If the label says refrigerate

after opening, do so. After a package has been opened, food spoils very easily (for example, cheese products and condiments / sauces).

* Divide cooked food into smaller containers and separate the containers in the refrigerator to allow for quicker cooling.

* Store uncooked meat, poultry and fish in a meat drawer or other container to keep blood and juices from contaminating other foods.

* Thaw meat and poultry in the refrigerator, in cold water, or in the microwave. This prevents the outside of the food from getting warm while the inside is still thawing.

* If a counter top, cutting board, can opener, or sink tap comes in contact with raw food, thoroughly clean the item

with hot soapy water and / or diluted bleach.

* If stuffing poultry, do so just before roasting, to prevent bacteria from growing.

* Be sure ground meat is thoroughly cooked and no longer pink. Ground meat is a high risk food because the bacteria found on the surface of the meat gets mixed in during the grinding.

* When heating or reheating foods ensure they are hot. The food should emit steam when stirred. Ensure microwaved food is stirred, as it may not heat evenly.

During the holidays when cooking for extras, ensure you keep food safety in mind. Merry Christmas to all and I'll have more nutrition tips for you in 1996!

ATA president visits Elk Point Elementary School

Alberta Teachers Association President Bauni Mackay visited Elk Point Elementary School last week on her Presidential Tour of the province, and declared the facility "a wonderful school. It has a warm atmosphere, a feeling of family, a feeling that everybody's in this together, and that the school is the heart

of the community." Following a tour of the school, during which she took part in "sharing time" in Mrs. Buryn's Grade 1B classroom, and played a cameo role in the Special Education class rendition of "Three Little Pigs," Ms Mackay said it was "nice to see so many smiling faces, on adults as well as students. This

school exemplifies all the good things about schools that are a part of the community, and the community is a part of the school. I would congratulate all who make this school an obviously great place. This school is for children and for the future of the community."

She admired the festively decorated hallways and classrooms, all of which are a part of the school's second theme this year, "Sharing Special Times," and said the handmade greeting cards from each family which adorn the bulletin boards are "such a nice idea — it solidifies the community spirit."

Ms Mackay's stop in Elk Point is one of many visits to schools on a series of trips which reach into the new year. She will be visiting both elementary and high schools, meeting and talking with teachers, parent representatives and students at each one. Her present trip included stops in Provost, Oyen and Empress before she returned home to Edmonton.



SHARING TIME -- Mrs. Buryn's Grade 1B students tell ATA President Bauni Mackay their plans for helping their families to have a merry Christmas.



I'LL HUFF AND I'LL PUFF -- Big Bad Wolf Daniel does his best to blow down the brick home of the third Little Pig, where Marvin, Cassie and Miss Wruth, as the pigs, feel quite safe. Ms Mackay played the role of the pigs' mother at the beginning of the action story.



Sing We All Noel!

Here's hoping your season is filled with love and cheer, plus enough laughter and song to echo all year.

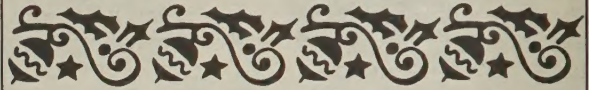
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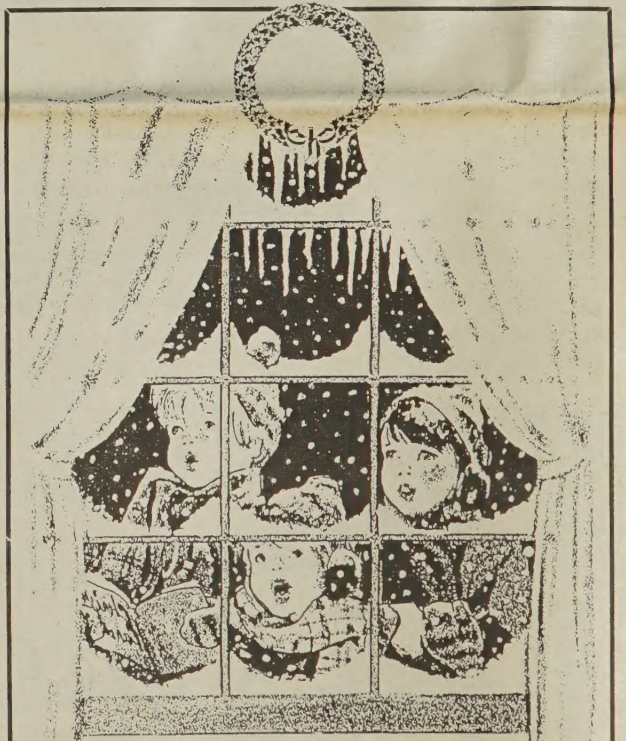
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the New Year.*

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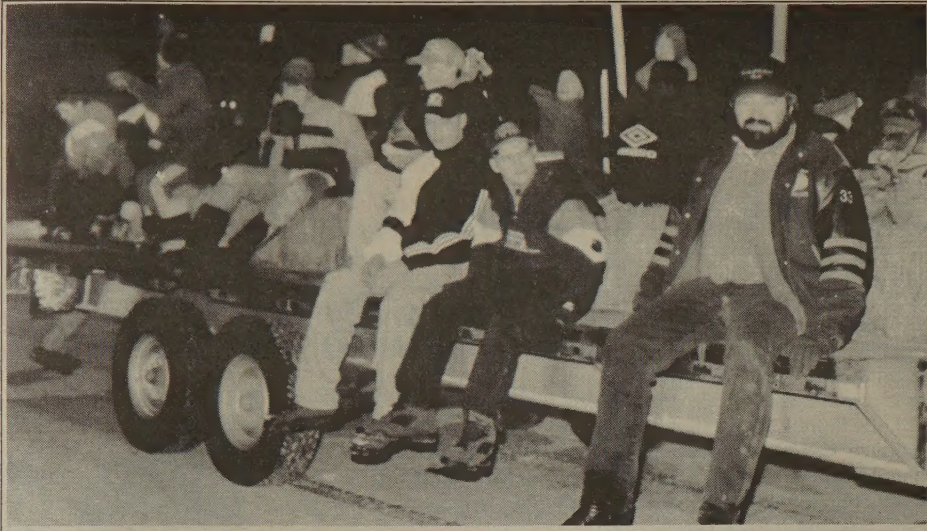
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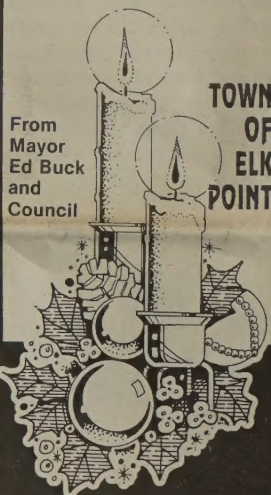
GREAT NIGHT FOR A HAY RIDE -- Although horse-drawn wagons were not available, truck-powered hay rides went ahead and took a good number of Extravaganza visitors, including County Reeve Ray Danyluk, (who kindly supplied the wagon and straw for the event) on a festive evening tour of the town. Thanks, Ray!



A WARM SPOT ON A CHILLY EVENING -- Elk Point Lioness Club members continued their tradition of serving up hot chocolate and hotdogs to warm up shoppers during the Extravaganza. Luckily they had a nice warm barbecue to stand near on that wintery evening.

WARMEST WISHES

Here's to a
bright and beautiful
season.



It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas!

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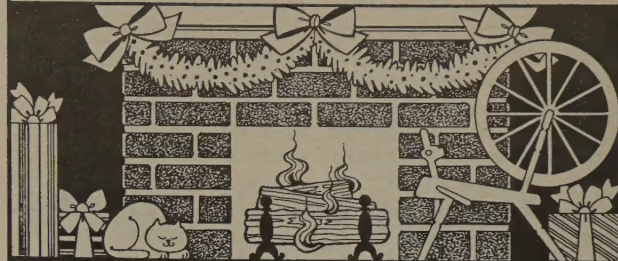
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From John, Ida, Family and Staff

DAVE'S PIZZA

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Band, art students display their talents

Junior and senior high school students displayed their artistic talents to a small but quite impressed audience last Friday, who attended a Fine Arts display at F. G. Miller High School.

The gymnasium was decorated with a fine array of art in various media, ranging from ink and pencil to conte, tempera, watercolor, glued-on seeds and magazine art, and charcoal, all created by the members of Mrs. Ference's art classes.

The musical part of the afternoon was provided by Mr. Kry's bands, beginning with the Grade 7 band, and followed by small groups of older students — pairs of trombones and saxophones, a duet and a trio of flutes (with teacher Holly Ross standing in for one of the flautists), two instrumental quartets, and a piano solo — before the senior high band gathered as a whole to perform some seasonal

favorites.

The Grade 7 band returned

to wrap up the afternoon's gift of music.



THREE FLUTES A-FLUTING -- were played by Melissa Easthope, Holly Ross and Judy Kim as F.G. Miller High presented their Fine Arts afternoon.



My most memorable Christmas

By Lillian Zacharuk

Elk Point resident

The most memorable Christmas I remember is the year I turned seven years old. I received a big doll with blond hair and sleeping blue eyes. I thought I'd gotten a baby sister. Her name was Iris. She went everywhere with me, including school.

One day I asked my mom why my sister didn't cry or drink from a bottle like my brother. She replied, "Honey, your baby is only a toy doll." Believe me, I cried for two days. I'm still very sentimental at this time of year.

I treasured that doll until very recently when I decided to give it to my youngest niece. I

also told her to take good care of her like I did. Till this day when I go to visit and see that doll it brings old memories back.



Pioneer Circle Bingo

December 4, 1995

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"Auntie Grace" marks her centennial

Family and friends gathered Saturday, December 16 to celebrate the event of the century for a longtime district resident, as Grace Franks celebrated her 100th birthday.

Born December 20, 1895 in England, she was the eldest daughter of Thomas and Eleanor Kinch. She and her mother emigrated to Canada in 1910, along with her four brothers and two sisters, to join Mr. Kinch, who had come three years earlier. A third sister, Mabel (Dumont), was born in Canada.

The Kinch family settled in Wellsdale, now known as Clandonald, and it was there that she met Frank Franks, who she married in August of 1919. She and her husband moved "Hardscrabble Farm" near Frog Lake, where they raised Brangus cattle. She continued farming on her own for a year after Mr. Franks died in 1961, "just to prove she could do it," according to her family, and then moved to her brother George's home. She came to Elk Point in 1977 to live at Buckingham House, and later moved to Heritage Lodge. She now resides at Parkview Extended Care. She had no children of her own, but was adored by a large number of nieces and nephews, as well as many children in the community who well remember "Auntie Grace's" kindness.

It was no real surprise that Mrs. Franks has reached the milestone. Both of her grandfathers lived to be over 100, with one preaching a sermon on his hundredth birthday.

The celebration included a prayer by Norman Hartley, a biographical rundown by niece Win McAra, who said that "many of us have great things to remember about her," and remembrances of long-ago summer visits to the Franks home by niece Lee Isaacson of Colorado. Poems by the family sister-in-law, Jean Kinch, and by Gay and Irvin Scott were enjoyed by all.

A onetime statement by Mrs. Franks that "if I live to be a hundred, I'll dance on the table," were recalled by Norm Nelson, who brought along a specially built table, with very short legs, and who with the assistance of her niece Isabel Myshaniuk, helped Mrs. Franks onto the table, where she did, indeed do a little dance, and sang a little song to go along with it, to the delight of her family and friends.

Other songs were part of the program, with a solo of "Amazing Grace" by Jill Hartley and the United Church choir leading the singing of some of her favorite hymns.

Mrs. Franks' love of children was reflected in wishes sent by Mayor Ed Buck, who remem-

bered as a child in Heinsburg, Mrs. Franks riding horseback into town and distributing jellybeans to the children before she left with her groceries. This love was also recounted by Don Conrad, who as principal of Elk Point Elementary School, has had a long association with her as the donor of the school's annual citizenship award.

Congratulatory messages were received from MLA Paul Langevin, Opposition leader Grant Mitchell, Premier Ralph Klein, MP Deborah Grey, Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Opposition leader Lucien Bouchard, and Queen Elizabeth.

In closing, niece Audrey Poitras read Mrs. Franks' favorite poem, "Don't Quit," which was the advice she had always given her nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Franks gave thanks "to the Lord for the good health he has given me," and to all present, a wish that "God bless you all."



A TRULY REMARKABLE LADY -- Grace Franks was given her wish to "dance on the table" when she reached a hundred.



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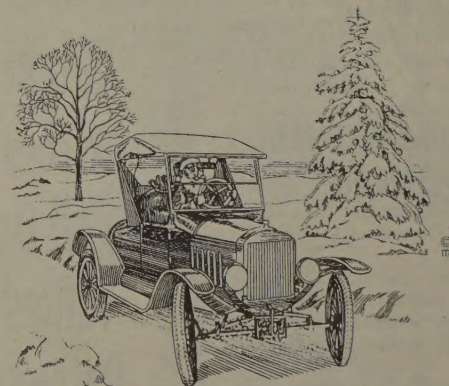
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Trees of Hope glowing with love

Two small trees near the doorway of Parkview Extended Care would barely catch your eye most of the year, but currently they are aglow with lights, thanks to the generous hearts of Elk Point and district residents who have donated through the Tree of Hope program to assist the Elk Point Palliative Care Group.

Some of the lights on the tiny trees are red, green and yellow, and were purchased by those wishing Season's Greetings to the community: the Radies family, Theresa McNamara, Ken and Nellie Hillebrand and family, Terry, Kathy, April and Eva Gusnowski, John and Doris Gusnowski, Vince and Gwen Behr, Willie and Val Poitras, Marshall and Agnes Moroziuk, Elk Point Health Unit staff (9 bulbs), Floyd and Eleanor Bendixen, Ray and Carol Hellquist and family, Mike and

Katherine Shymkiw, and Sandra Holthe.



Others are clear bulbs, purchased in memory of loved ones: Mike Sheplaw (from Phil); Sam Cochrane, father of Betty Radies; C.M. "Dookey" Allen from Gerry and Terry Ehlert; Ross Maas from his daughter Dianne; Barry Maas

from Dianne; Ross Maas from Peggy; Barry Maas from his mom Peggy; Raymond Hillebrand from Ken and Nellie Hillebrand and family; Jacqueline Lee Fedorus from parents Ollie and Donna Fedorus; Semilda Goranson from Barb Yopyk; Dolores Harps Brunner from Irene Lindquist; Ross Maas from Donna Gulayec; Barry Maas from Donna Gulayec; Annie and John Seniuk and Pauline Chubey from Steve and Carolyn Seniuk.

The blue bulbs on the tree reflect thoughts and prayers: for "Shiela Salter" from Debbie and George Hahn; and from Karl and Lois Ramer.

The Elk Point Palliative Care Group would like to thank everyone for their generous donations, and predict that the little trees will be bigger and brighter next year. A peaceful and happy festive season to all.



PARKVIEW EXTENDED CARE TREE CELEBRATES RESIDENTS -- This handsome tree at Parkview Extended Care has photos of all the residents among its many carefully handcrafted ornaments, and is a truly impressive sight. Many volunteer hours went into creating the ornaments.



Christmas means carolling

Elk Point United Church hosted Elk Point's second annual Interdenominational Carol Service on Sunday, December 17, with a near-capacity crowd on hand for an evening of music.

Carols by a choir consisting of music lovers from various local churches were alternated with those in which the congregation joined the singing of familiar and traditional carols.

The children entertained with a delightful Nativity pageant, complete with angels on high, a glowing star, and a manger filled with fragrant hay. There were shepherds, complete with sheep, and wise men in regal robes, who came

to visit the Holy family in their humble lodging.

Scripture readings of that first Christmas were given by Pat Brodbin and Sid Holthe.

A quintet rendition of "From Church to Church" came from Jill Hartley, Rita Sanregret, Suzan Bartholomew, Rob Holliday and Randall Krys, while Don Conrad sang a contemporary Christmas solo, "The Gift."

The children joined the choir in a wonderful rendition of "Do You Hear What I Hear?" while the congregation all joined in as well on the final carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

The evening continued with

a friendly hour of refreshments and fellowship.

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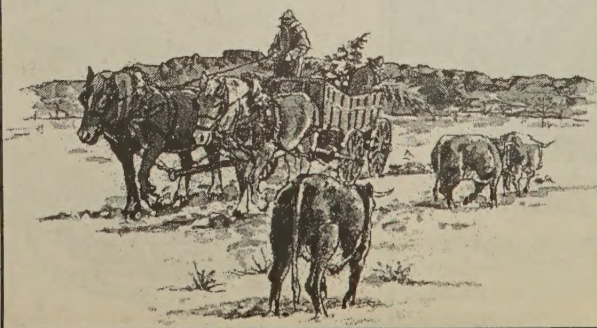
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LEGION POPPY CONTEST WINNERS — received their cheques and certificates at last week's meeting of Elk Point Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. In the first row, left to right are Jean Berland, Stephanie Singer, Curtis Salt, Coy Robbie, Michael Waskahat, Joseph Faithful, Monica Naber and Bronwyn Bilak. Second row, left to right: Romy Rohner, Bomee Lee, Len Hoac, Leanne Wilson and Nicole Sommerville. In the back row are teacher Michael O'Neill, F.G. Miller High; Legion President Louis Verhagen; and teachers Ruth Purdy, Frog Lake, and Howard Meger and Bernice Capjack-Hugo, Elk Point Elementary.



CHRISTMAS IS COOKIE TIME -- At Elk Point Public Library's Storytime Christmas Party, where in addition to making snow angels and hearing special Christmas stories, the youngsters enjoyed decorating and eating some very fancy Christmas tree cookies.



Barbara Naber receives BSc. degree

Barbara Naber, a graduate of F. G. Miller High School, was recently awarded a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Alberta at its convocation ceremony held in Edmonton, AB on November 15, 1995.

Miss Naber was one of five students who graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Currently, she is attending McGill University in Montreal, Quebec to continue her studies. Congratulations and the best of luck in the future.

Legion presents Poppy Contest awards

The awards in the 1995 Poppy Contest were handed out to winners from Elk Point Elementary, F. G. Miller High School, and Frog Lake School last week, along with congratulations from Legion president Louis Verhagen, who was very pleased with the number of entries received. "It is a great pleasure for this small Legion branch to recognize so many students."

The poems and essay entries were judged by Irene Melin and Phyllis Scott, with the posters judged by the members of the Northern Expressions Art Club.

In the poster division, first and second prizes were awarded for color and black and white entries from each school: Elk Point Elementary— Romy Rohner, 1st, Monica Naber, 2nd, color poster; Leanne Wilson, 1st, Carissa Maksymec, 2nd, black and white poster. F. G. Miller — Bomee Lee, 1st, Sherry Connor, 2nd, color poster; Len Hoac, 1st, Dorielle Richard, 2nd, black and white poster. Frog Lake— Michael Waskahat, 1st, Stephanie Singer, 2nd, color poster; Michael Waskahat, 1st, Joseph Faithful, 2nd, black and white poster.

In the poetry and essay division, the winners from Frog Lake were Jean Berland, 1st, and Candace Cross, 2nd, poem.

From Elk Point Elementary— Leanne Wilson, 1st, Curtis Salt, 2nd, essay; Bronwyn Bilak, 1st, Coy Robbie, 2nd, poem. Honorable mentions went to Laci Jacobson and Nicole Sommerville, both of Elk Point Elementary.

Certificates went to participating teachers, Mike O'Neill, Orest Sereda, Bernice Capjack-Hugo, Mr. Meger, Diane Parenteau and Ruth Purdy.

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Lighting, FCSS top Town Council agenda

Ashton Sewlal of Alberta Power visited Elk Point Town Council's December meeting to discuss upgrading the Town's street lights to generally accepted standards.

Elk Point's street lights are grouped into 5 areas, and "some need work done," Sewlal said, primarily the "collector residential area," where some additional lights could be installed and others relocated to give better overall lighting. The total job could, however, prove costly, in the range of \$15,780, but could be done as funding permits. This will be discussed as to priority areas at a later date. In the meantime, Sewlal said he would send a worker down to patrol for non-working lights. A crew from Alberta Power will also be coming to Elk Point in the new year to do detailed energy conservation surveys of Town and other facilities and businesses at no cost.

Council declined to adopt the 1996 FCSS budget at this time, and decided on a special meeting to discuss options and priorities with the FCSS Board.

They did, however, okay an interim budget based on the 1995 budget so operations can continue. The payment of the first quarter of 1996 operating funding was later approved for payment. Councillor Dave Yake noted that "you can't put a value in dollars and cents on social services," and asked if the Town has ever considered asking the County for funding. Mayor Ed Buck feels that such funding would be unlikely, since the County has their own FCSS department.

The Library Board was more fortunate, and received approval of their 1996 budget. Betty Callbeck was appointed to remain as an alternate Elk Point representative to the Northern Lights Library System board for three months, as she is that group's treasurer and her services are needed while the director is on maternity leave.

The Public Works department 'wish list' got mixed response, with an agreement reached to increase sewer ser-

vice cleaning rates from \$25 to \$50, and the purchase of a sewer camera sent to the executive committee for further discussion. Other items on the list, including oiling of the Peter Fidler statue, will be considered during budget deliberations. Funds totalling \$3953.87 will be taken from the Paving Reserves for the drainage upgrading at 51 Ave and 50 St.

First reading was given to a new Relocation and Demolition bylaw, and all three readings were given to an Assessment Roll bylaw.

The Town has approved an interim budget based on 1995 budget figures for Town operations.

A donation of \$3000 was received from the Pioneer Circle Society, with the Town much appreciating the unexpected gift.



HOW TIME FLIES! Mayor Ed Buck presented a ten-year service award to Ron Fraess, who started his employment with the Town back in 1985.



Two killed in Highway 41 collision

A man who recently moved to Elk Point was one of two people who died in a collision on Highway 41 approximately 24 miles north of Vermilion last Monday morning, December 11. Vincent Burk, 60, who had moved to Elk Point from Edmonton to manage the Elk Point Hotel, and James Schreiber, 28 of Goodsoil, SK, died instantly when

Schreiber's northbound vehicle crossed the centre line and struck Burk's vehicle head on.

Burk's wife, Gwen, was removed from the wreckage with the assistance of the Jaws of Life and was taken to the Vermilion hospital and then via air ambulance to Edmonton, where she remains in serious condition.

Vermilion RCMP say that road and weather conditions did not play a part in the collision, the cause of which has yet to be determined. The investigation is continuing.



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FGM students help Santa

By Cheri Lindquist
F. G. Miller High School

As part of our unit in Health and CALM on Relationships and Getting Along With Others, students were asked to

earn some money (\$2 in Health and \$5 in CALM) to put toward a gift for Santas Anonymous or the Gift Shoe Boxes.

The object of the activity was to work as a group and spend the money on someone other than themselves.

It was a positive experience watching the students shop for toys, pool their money togeth-

er, budget carefully and even add more money to buy what they thought necessary.

CALM 20 bought enough things for 3 shoe gift boxes, Health 8C made 2 shoe gift boxes, and Health 8A bought a toy for Santas Anonymous and made 1 box.

The students should be complimented on their generosity and for being in the spirit of giving.

STUDENTS WHO CARE -- from the Health 7 and CALM classes earned sufficient money to send Christmas gift packages abroad and to help the local Santas Anonymous program.



A quick look at Christmas in Western Europe

The British Isles

Many Canadian and American customs have their roots in the British Isles. These customs include sending Christmas cards, the hanging of Christmas stockings on Christmas Eve (to be filled by Father Christmas in England), and the hanging of a sprig of mistletoe in a room or hallway. On the afternoon of Christmas Day many Britons still tune into the Queen's annual Christmas message. It's not likely, though, that this year she will get the same viewing percentage as did the recent interview of Princess Diana, although pollsters say, because of it, her viewer numbers will go up! Traditional fare - roast turkey and dessert of mince pie and plum pudding.

In Ireland, people put a lighted candle in their window on Christmas Eve as a sign of welcome to passing travellers. In Wales, people have carolling contests during the weeks before Christmas.

France

A traditional French Christmas meant that children put their shoes in front of the fireplace so Pere Noel could fill them with gifts.

Many families attend midnight mass followed by a supper feast. Large numbers of French families still decorate their homes with small nativity scenes, often including new santons, little saints which portray Jesus' birth, in them.

Germany

German children get an early start to Christmas, with the coming of Saint Nicholas, a saint who died in the 300's A.D., on December 6. He delivers candies and goodies of all sorts. At that time he collects their Christmas wish lists, the gifts of which are delivered on the behalf of Christ Jesus by Weihachtsmann (Christmas Man). Most German families decorate a Christmas tree.

Spain

It is still a custom in many parts of Spain for people to dance and sing in the streets after midnight mass on Christmas Eve. Most Spanish homes and churches display a miniature Nativity scene. On the evening of January 5, the

day before Epiphany (the last day of the Christmas season), Spanish children will put their shoes near a window so that the Wise Men will fill them with gifts.

Netherlands

Saint Nicholas arrives from Spain on the eve of December 6th. Wearing a red robe, astride a white horse, and accompanied by his servant "Swarte Piet" (Black Pete), he goes down the chimney of each home to deliver gifts which he puts in shoes that have been left by the fireplace.

Sweden

Christmas season begins in Sweden on St. Lucia Day, December 13. In the morning of this day, the oldest daughter at home dresses in white and wears a wreath with seven lighted candles on her head. She serves the other family members breakfast in bed! Gifts are brought by a gnomish fellow called Jultomten, who often wraps the gifts many times over so as to disguise them.

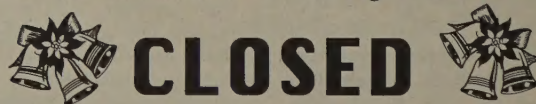


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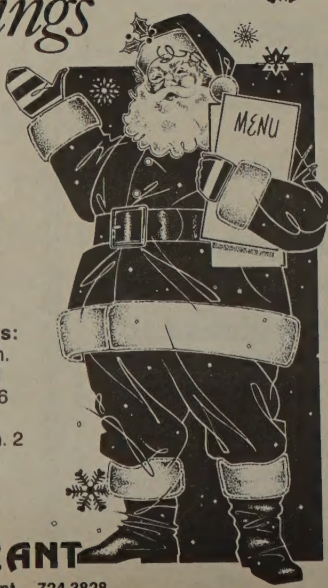
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What are you doing for Christmas?

By Pastor Jim MacLellan
Elk Point Baptist Church

"What are you doing for Christmas?" is the familiar question at this time of year. Some of my close friends are travelling to a daughter's place; others are having family join them here. I'm pretty excited about my eldest daughter coming home for Christmas. When I read the Christmas story, activity is the key element to the ancient account. Joseph and Mary heading for Bethlehem. Shepherds coming in from the fields. Wise men ending a long pilgrimage from an eastern land. Certainly the motion of "here and there" is central to the story.

A closer look at the action, though, describes for us another activity at the first Christmas. That activity is Worship. Most of us think of church when we see that word worship. The elements at that first Christmas were far different than ours today. There were no stately churches, with community choirs, plays and gift exchanges. The elements of worship on the birthday of Christ included very simple things. God's Word was an integral part of worship at that Christmas. The wise men quoted directly from an Old Testament prophecy (Micah

5:2), in anticipation of finding this King. Praise also formed a huge part of the Christmas worship. From Mary's great hymn of praise, to the joy of the shepherds, and the heavenly chorus, all joined together to make that first Christmas a momentous musical event.



Giving also was an event in Bethlehem. These magi came bearing gifts of great worth and presented them to Christ. The ultimate gift though was the Child himself. Jesus, God's gift to His people.

I like what the late Dan DeHaan has said, "...in the act of worship... we become what we worship. We can talk about becoming like Christ all our lives, but until we worship

Him aright, we will stay basically the same." You see, through Scripture, through praise and through giving, the object of worship was one key feature. These people did not come to worship a prophetic possibility, or a mystical mindset, or simply a historical happening. Nor did they worship a timeless tradition. They worshipped a person... THE PERSON, Jesus Christ!

When asked this year as to what you are doing for Christmas, may you also include the wonder of worship. Worship is Truth. Worship is Celebration. Worship is Giving. Worship is Christ.

On behalf of all your neighbors at Elk Point Baptist Church, may you do Christmas well this year, as you worship Christ; and may you sense this warm invitation to join us for worship both on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve commencing at 9:50 a.m. each Sunday. God says, "He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God." Psalm 50:23.



LEGION HELPS SANTA — A box of donations and a cheque toward needed items were presented to Susan Frisby of Santas Anonymous, by Legion President Louis Verhagen and Gene Russell at last week's Legion meeting.

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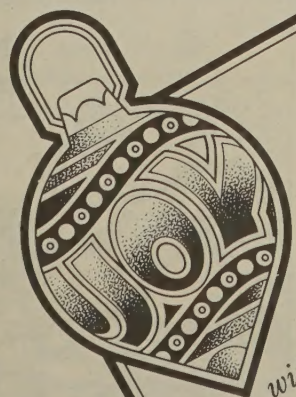
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Christmas: a time for reflection

By Norman Hartley
Elk Point United Church

Christmas in Canada in 1995 should be a time for reflection. This great nation of ours is experiencing the stresses on our modern world. There is far too much of "ME" and a desperate shortage of "US."

It is because of "me" first that the gaps between the rich and the poor are growing rapidly. It is because of "me" first that divisions of peoples on ethnic lines are occurring around the globe. It is because of "me" first that our Christian heritage is being abandoned and dispersed.

God's Shalom for all humanity was launched by the birth of Jesus of Nazareth on that first Christmas so many years ago. Today our society has developed a Festival of Extravagance. It does have some good points; the giving of food, clothing and financial aid to those in need; the joy and happiness expressed by the majority of people to their friends and to strangers; the music and the carols.

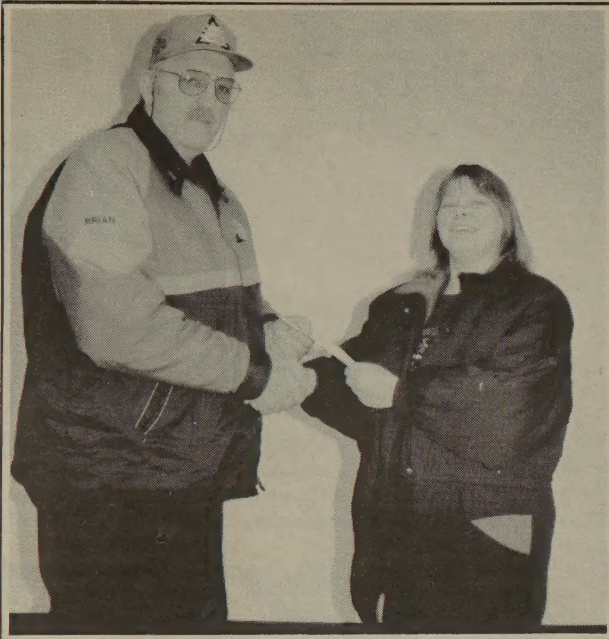
But what happened to the HOLY? Where is the Christ Child in all this commercialism?

A poem I came across recently can answer that question for all those who are willing to take a few moments to consider the real meaning of the Christmas season.

THE MESSIAH

Look for the Messiah where you will,
But you'll find Him where you live.
He will not be separated and kept apart
From those who cry to Him.
He will be found in the midst
Of the daily, routine, ordinary stuff of life.
So wherever you're living
Look for Him.
In the ordinary niches of that living
Look for the Holy
That the Holy might be found in you.

The congregation of the Elk Point United Church would like to wish each and every one of you a Holy, peaceful, joy filled Christmas.



THE FINISHING TOUCH for the Santas Anonymous hampers came from the Yuletide generosity of the Communication, Energy and Paperworkers Union Local #474, whose President Brian Bailey presented a cheque for the purchase of turkeys to Santas Anonymous representative Susan Frisby.

Christmas — a time of praise

By Rev. Sam Donaldson
Elk Point Congregational Community Church

When the word Christmas is mentioned, the first thing that springs to mind is gifts and giving.

It is indeed true that Christmas is a time of generosity and charity. But when we turn to Luke's gospel we find that the central theme on that first Christmas was "Praise."

Praise is an exaltation of the name of God in word, music or song. Dancing, feasting, family and community celebration was also part of Israel's praise of their God.

Mary, the Blessed Virgin, said, "My soul praises the Lord." (Luke 1:46.) This was her reaction to the miraculous conception of Messiah.

When Christ was born the angelic hosts appeared in the heavens praising God. The shepherds returned from the

manger praising God. (Luke 2:20). When He was eight days old at His circumcision and dedication ceremony, Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God. (Luke 2:28). Sometime later when the wise men visited the Holy Family it is recorded that they worshipped Him. I should think that they also praised God for His guidance and providence.

Let all of us, who now live two millennia after the incarnation, take time this Christmas to make praise to God part of our celebrations. This can be personal, family, church and community. Let's get involved in these four areas. Let's be like Mary and say "My soul praises God."

From myself, and all of us at Elk Point Congregational Community Church, we wish you all a happy Christmas and a great New Year.



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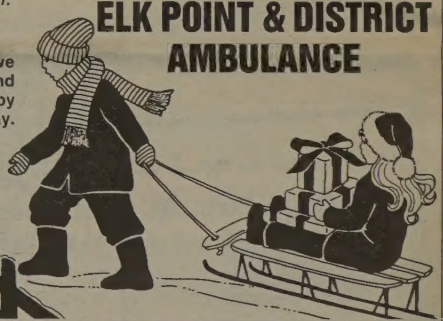




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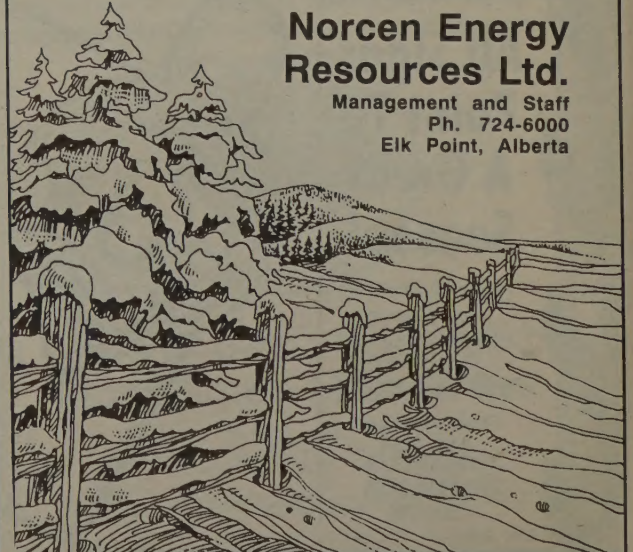
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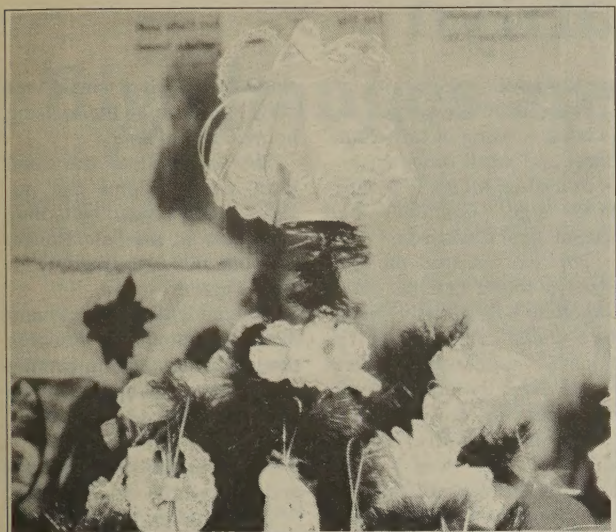
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TREE-MENDOUS TALENT -- went into the creation of these exquisite handmade ornaments, which were on sale at the special pre-Christmas Farmers Market on December 1, in conjunction with Extravaganza.



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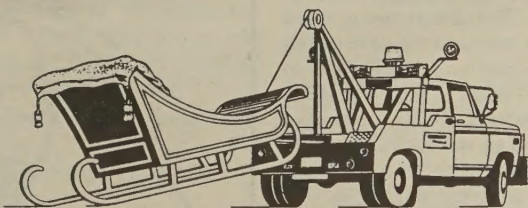
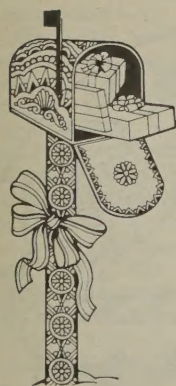
WE'RE MAKING A LIST...



We'd like to thank each of you personally, but we've made too many good friends in the past year to find the space to list them here. So to all of you, our very best wishes go -- for a very Merry Christmas and a ho...ho...ho!

From Management and Staff





We often meet by accident, but we're always glad to know you're there.
Thanks and Merry Christmas

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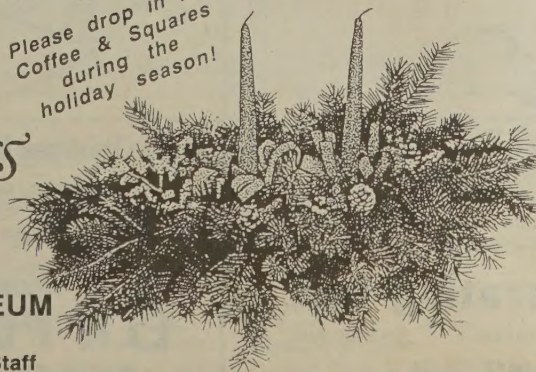
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Yuletide Greetings

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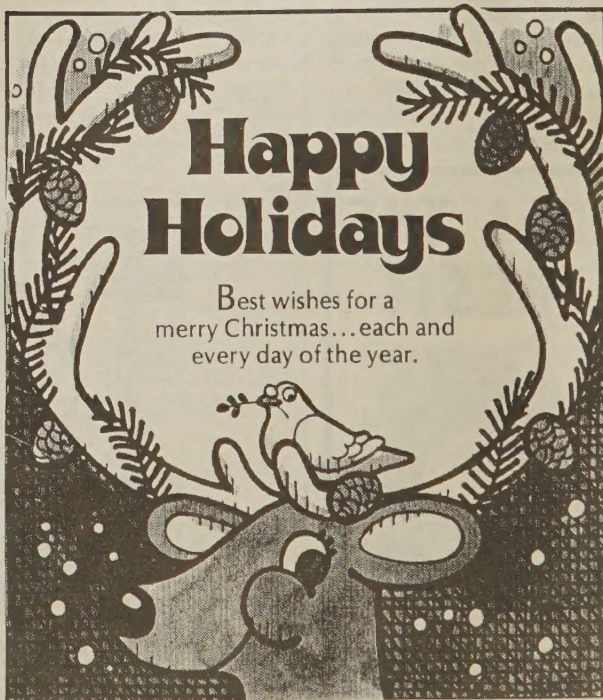


This season's treasures are so abundant. We hope you are blessed enough to partake of them all. Thank you for your ongoing patronage.



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Happy Holidays

Best wishes for a merry Christmas...each and every day of the year.

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Happy New Year

A miracle for Marilyn

(Continued from Page 4)

She tried not to think of it, because then her heart ached, and loneliness pounded in her head like a drum. As long as she only did her job, and kept the house, slept and arose in the morning, she would be all right.

But tomorrow, like the long row of Sundays behind her, would be another empty day, a nothing-to-do day. Perhaps a day to walk far out into the country, to leave behind the lonesome town if it was nice out. Or a day to clean the already-clean little house again-if a stormy day. But never a day to bake a cake, or a roast, or chocolate chip cookies because company was coming.

There was no company coming. She knew no one in all this town who would come to visit her, to sit across the little table and drink with her a cup of tea, to talk of little things - the weather, likes and dislikes, of tomorrow.

Marilyn was running, running ... but oh so slowly, her feet seeming unable to touch the ground as she strove to run up the path to her old home. She stretched out her hand to tap the door, and called as loudly as she could "I'm here, I'm here"! But her call was only a whisper and her hand never reached the door....

So why was there a rap, rap, rap? Then again, tap, tap, tap - soft but insistent She raised her head from her folded cramped arms. With pain in her heart for the old home and loved ones she had almost reached in her dreams, she realized the tapping was on her own door - where no one

tapped.

She opened the curtain. A small woman stood outside, two children behind her. Snow was still sifting down, settling on the trio on the porch. An old car was at the curb. Marilyn opened the door.

"Grandma, Grandma!" the woman exclaimed as she stepped in, reaching to embrace Marilyn. She stopped as the light fell over the girl.

"Where is Grandmother?" Her eyes swept the room. "Are you visiting her?"

"Oh, no." Marilyn drew the children inside, an eight year old girl, with long blond hair, the boy smaller, perhaps four. Both appeared tired and subdued.

"Are you looking for Mrs. Timbrel? She owns this house, but I am renting it. Through the agency. She lives in Safe Haven Nursing Home now."

The woman put her hands to her face and gave a little moan.

"Oh, dear, poor Grandma!" she whispered. "I didn't know. She hasn't written for so long... I couldn't come sooner." She put her arms around the children.

"Oh, what will we do? Where will we go?" she spoke softly, as if to herself, head bowed.

"She often - so often - asked us to come." She patted the children reassuringly and lifted her head.

Marilyn recognized the despair and worry on her face.

"My name is Marilyn Montey," she said. "The beds are still there, blankets, everything. Stay here tonight."

Something told her the three had no place else to go, no money for a room, no friends in the town. "Bring your bags. I'll make some tea."

The woman put out her hand.

"I'm Josie Kendrell," she said, "and this is Mary and Alfie. Thank you."

She brought a pair of shabby satchels and a worn quilt from the dark vehicle, together with a paper bag, setting them in a corner.

Marilyn found bread and cheese, a carton of milk and a bag of cookies. The tea was hot and friendly.

Smiles came shyly to the children's faces, as their hunger was appeased. Alfie went to gaze at the little plastic tree, tiny lights blinking on and off.

"Is Santa going to find us?" he asked his mother anxiously.

"I don't know, Alfie," she patted his hand. "I don't know."

When the children had been tucked into one of the beds in the little room upstairs, under their great-grandmother's quilts, Josie kissed them and the two went back to the kitchen.

"We MUST find something for the children," Marilyn said. "Why, it's Christmas eve!"

Josie reached into the brown bag as she brought it to the table. She drew out a small fluffy bear and a pink-cheeked doll. Marilyn's mind flew to the small box marked "Christmas things," she had moved to the back of a shelf, when she hung her few belongings after she moved in. She

ran to find it.

There were wrappings and ribbons, a string of tiny lights, tinsel and small ornaments - even a silver MERRY CHRISTMAS sign. Grandma had indeed 'kept Christmas.'

The two wrapped the toys. Marilyn found oranges and a forgotten bag of jelly beans. Two socks came out of the satchel, clothespins were found. Soon the drab little sitting room was transformed.

Chattering softly, not to awaken the weary tots upstairs, the two each told her tale. Marilyn, so lonely. Josie, so sad, her husband recently lost in an accident, no money and homeless. They planned. Tomorrow Josie would visit her grandmother.

"No reason," Marilyn thought, "why they couldn't stay on with me." There was room, school for Mary was

close by, perhaps there was work for Josie at the nursing home. She had read...

She searched out the small local paper, found the ad. "See," she pointed, "here, they need help at the Safe Haven. Evening shift... it could work out!" Their eyes met.

"I could look after Mary and Alfie, evenings..." Marilyn thought of her young brother Petey, so far away, of all the others, so missed. Of her lonely life.

"Yes, I could!" She stood up and hugged the older woman. "I love children." Already her shoulders were straighter, her head high, a warm glow flooding her being.

Josie was crying again - but this time through a smile.

"Oh, Marilyn!" she held up the silver sign in her hands. "Look! We WILL have a Merry Christmas!"



Wishing You a Beautiful Season!

Thank you for helping make us look good. We appreciate your trust in us.

From Karen, Marnie and Roberta

CUTTING EDGE



Hope Christmas Brings Nothing But Good News!

We're happy to report that Christmas is almost here, and we'd like to deliver our best wishes for a joyous season to all our readers.

Happy Holidays From

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What's news at the library?

Big changes are coming in the New Year!

By Michele Duczek

Librarian

Big changes are in the wind at the Elk Point Library. Starting Tuesday, January 2, 1996, the library will have new hours of operation. The new hours will be as follows:

Sunday - Closed
Monday - Closed
Tuesday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday - 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bookmarks with the new hours are available at the library.

If you're looking for a last minute stocking stuffer for Christmas or for a gift any time of the year, why not an Elk Point Public Library Gift Certificate? Available in \$15, \$10 or \$5 denominations, it is a great way to give the gift of entertainment and information at the same time.

It has finally arrived! All you Sue Grafton fans will be delighted to learn that her latest, "L" is for Lawless is now at the library. Kinsey may have met her match in a story that takes her halfway across the

country and leaves her with a major headache and an empty bank balance. There is a waiting list for this book and if you want to be on it, or you're not sure if you're already there, contact the library.

Two new picture books perfect for the holidays:

The Twelve Days of Christmas gets Canadian treatment in Woodland Christmas by Frances Tyrrell. Gorgeous illustrations of Canadian animals highlight the classic yuletide song of giftgiving.

A curious polar bear cub takes a tumble down a hole one Christmas eve and meets Father Christmas who takes

the cub and the reader on a tour of his extraordinary workshop in The Christmas Bear by Paul and Henrietta Strickland.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

Friday Mornings, 10:30 a.m. - Storytime. Stories, crafts, songs and more.

December 24, 25, 26, 27 - Library is closed for Christmas holidays. Library reopens Thursday, December 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 23, 1996 - Elk Point Public Library Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, January 30, 1996 - The Friends of the Library have an evening bingo.

DID YOU KNOW:

The Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918-1919 killed some 21 million people world wide including about 50,000 Canadians. It showed a perverse tendency to kill of the young and hearty.

CHURCH SERVICES

Elk Point Baptist Church
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 Family Worship Service
 Sundays - 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School for All Ages - 11:15 a.m.
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
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WORSHIP SERVICES
 Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Church Service; 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Elk Point Christian Community Church
 Railway Avenue and 53 St.
 Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.; Adult Bible Study - Sun. 11:30 a.m. (Child care provided); Youth Group (Fri. Club - Gr. 4, 5 & 6) 2nd & 4th Fri. 7 p.m.; Office hours - Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 noon Rev. Sam Donaldson 724-2493.

Bible Fellowship Church
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 Services held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
St. Michael's Catholic Church
 Sunday Mass 12 p.m.
Bethel Lutheran Church of Lea Park
 Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m.
St. Vladimirs' Ukrainian Orthodox Church Elk Point
 For service times, call 645-5156, St. Paul or 724-4351, Elk Point.

Community Church plans Christmas Eve service

The Elk Point Christian Community Church will be having a Christmas Eve service on Sunday, December 24 at 7 p.m. They invite you to join them for a short time of carolling, special music and Christmas fellowship.

The congregation also invites you to an evening of fellowship with Pastor Sam and Laura Donaldson on Wednesday, December 20. This will be an open house evening. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and a time of visiting.

Merry Christmas and may God be with each and every one of you this holiday season. Best wishes from the Elk Point Christian Community Church.

IN MEMORIAM

ANDRISHAK, Joanne

In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, who after a long and courageous battle with Cancer passed away Dec. 22, 1991.

*God saw you getting tired,
 The cure was not to be,
 He wrapped you in His
 loving arms and whispered
 "Come with me."
 You suffered much in silence,
 Your spirit did not bend,
 You faced your pain with
 courage until the very end.
 You tried so hard to stay with us,
 your fight was all in vain,
 God took you in His loving
 home and freed you from your
 pain.
 A golden heart stopped beating,
 Two working hands at rest,
 God broke our hearts to prove to
 us,
 He only takes the best.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by Husband Peter, daughter Patricia, sisters Mary and Lassie and brother Dan.

IN MEMORIAM

ELIUK, Vera

In loving memory of our Dear Mother, Grandmother and Friend, Vera Eliuk, who went to be with the Lord on December 26, 1994.

*May the winds of love blow gently
 And whisper so you can hear
 That we will always love
 and miss you
 And wish that you were here.*

Forever loved and so sadly missed by Amelia, Jim, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

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December 4, 1995

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COMMUNITY NEWSLINE

Elk Point Parent Nursery - Wed. and Thurs. 10 a.m. to Noon, Elk Point Baptist Church Basement. Children under 6 and parents welcome. For more info, call Donna Arnold at 724-3373.

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

Elk Point Farmers Market is held in Elk Point United Church Hall on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

T.O.P.S. meets every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Old Courthouse, west door, Elk Point.

"New To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724-3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

Recycle Your Paper - Paper trailer is located at the Universal Bottle Depot - 5214 Railway Ave. We take newspapers, flyers, computer and bond paper. No cardboard boxes, milk or egg cartons, phone books or glossy magazines. Please sort and bundle with string or put in cardboard boxes.

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The Elk Point Legion now meets on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre.

Elk Point Auto Club - meets at the Empress Restaurant, Elk Point, the 2nd Wednesday of each month. More information call: Ed Smith at 724-2527.

Elk Point Olettes regular meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month. For more information, call Fay at 724-2036.

Elk Point & Area "Stop Family Violence" Support Group - meetings are held 2 times a month. For more information call 724-2380, 724-3800 or 645-1950.

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Tips on preventing the holiday blues

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Christmas really begins in early November, according to television programming and local commercial advertising. Most people know that the holiday season can sometimes be disappointing for some children.

The long awaited holiday break sometimes results in the misbehavior and grouching of children. There are some things parents can do to preserve a merry holiday atmosphere for all family members.

1. Recognize that anticipation works only for adults but not so well for kids. Time keeps moving along for adults but seems to stand still for children so expect a child to feel some disappointment on Christmas morning when their grand expectations are not fulfilled.

2/ Remember your child when planning holiday events. Don't overlook the needs and preferences of your children. Make an effort to invite a family or two that have youngsters for your child to play with. It is unreasonable to expect a child to enjoy sitting most of the day with adults he or she hardly knows.

3. Let your child participate in

the preparations. For example, decorating the household or helping with the Christmas baking. When children are more involved they will feel that they are an important part of the festivities. This can also help to prompt more mature behavior. A child who proudly announces at the Christmas dinner table that he helped make the fruit cake may be less likely to misbehave at meal time.

4. Allow for some inappropriate behavior. Like adults, children can be negatively affected by the excitement, weariness, and let downs that the holiday season can sometimes bring. Holiday gatherings are not the best settings for intense confrontations with children for failing to display their best behavior. If necessary, take the child to a room away from the rest of the family and friends and explain clearly the range of behavior that you feel is appropriate for the immediate family event.

The holiday season is a time to pass on family traditions and in the long run it makes little difference whether your child was at their best behavior. Strive to set sensible limits for your children and be firm yet aware of their needs during the holiday season.

Source: Psychology Today

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Christmas Day is a time for friends, family and fellowship, right? Not always.

Many people spend Christmas alone. And they often find it tough to do. For people who've had a Christmas where they've shared certain rituals with others and for whom things have changed through a death, or a loss due to separation or divorce, or isolation due to moving away, Christmas isn't what it used to be. Rather, it can often be very difficult.

And all the hype surrounding the season makes it even harder. Everything about Christmas says family. You know, children around trees and grandparents with shining faces. It's become very idealized. But that's not always realistic.

But there are ways to make the holiday season festive — even if you are alone. The important thing is to approach Christmas day with a positive



attitude. Don't think: It's going to be one of the worst times of the year for me because I'm going to be alone. Think: Even if I'm going to be alone, I'll make it a time that will be meaningful for me.

Plan your day ahead of time. Don't put your head down and let it go by. Really think about how you can celebrate. Creating the kind of Christmas you'll enjoy may involve pampering yourself. Do whatever you need to do for yourself that'll make you feel special. Buy yourself a special Christmas gift, or light a candle in the bathroom and have a glass of wine while you're enjoying a real nice bubble bath.

On Christmas Day you can go through the same rituals you would do if you weren't alone. Have a turkey dinner, sit by the Christmas tree and sing carols and give a toast even though you're by yourself. Go through the rituals you've had in the past so you don't feel quite so alone.

Or, you can create new rituals. Some people want to spend Christmas in an entirely differ-

ent way. So, if you always ate at home, go to a restaurant. Or if you never went to church, go there.

Those who are facing Christmas alone may want to get together with someone else in that situation. Or they may want to ask a friend if they can drop by for a while. We need to be bold and tell our friends we're going to be spending Christmas alone. There's nothing wrong with inviting yourself to someone's house.

People who end up spending Christmas on their own have to watch that their self-esteem doesn't suffer. Often people think: If I was of value or if I was a worthwhile person then I wouldn't be alone. This message has to be reprogrammed. We have to realize being alone has nothing to do with value. Or you can try volunteering to visit shut-ins or people in the hospital, or serving a meal to needy folks to counteract this feeling.

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The Thunder report

The Elk Point Midget Thunder played some tough teams this past weekend when they travelled to Camrose to compete in a very physical "AA" tournament.

Although the Thunder did not win any of their four games, they did make a good showing for a small town, losing to the host team from Camrose by a score of 8-7, and to the "AA" team from Edmonton 4-3.

The team from Edmonton was impressed enough to invite the Thunder to their "AA" tournament in January, but the Thunder had to decline as they are already entered in a tournament in Kitscoty that weekend.

This week the Thunder will travel to Turtleford on Friday night to play the Tigers in their last game before Christmas, when the boys will get a well deserved break. Thunder would like to wish all our supporters a very Merry Christmas.

Egg race comes to Elk Point

By Dee Pankiw

Elk Point Thunder

As you wrap up your Christmas shopping, searching all the stores for weird space creatures and high-tech computer games, think back to a simpler time. Do you remember the toys that ran on kid power? What about the power of a rubber band? Remember winding up those cars to see how fast they would go? What about waiting for weeks for the flying saucer promised by your favorite breakfast cereal for just 25 cents and two box tops?

Well, you can have those

times again. Almost. Begin your planning now. Elk Point Midget Thunder will provide you with the power for your own creation. Yes, we will give you one rubber band. (Actually, we'll give you 2 rubber bands, one to practice with and one to actually use in the race.) We'll also give you the cargo: one raw egg. Your job is to design a vehicle that will transport the raw egg as far as possible without breaking the egg.

Thunder plans to hold the egg race before a Thunder game in January. There will be

two categories: senior and junior. There will also be a paper airplane race for the under 12 set. Of course, Thunder will provide the paper for the planes. Because we are doing this to raise money for the A. G. Ross Arena loan payment, we will be asking for an entry fee for each vehicle or plane. There will be prizes for the winning entry in each category. Spectators will also be eligible for prizes. Come out and support your favorite egg machine. If it is the winner, you could be too!

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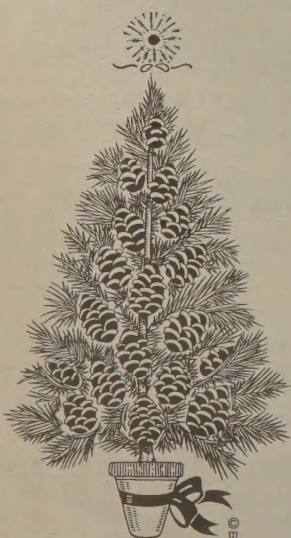
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